

The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all 50 states in the United States.

IN THE PAST 5 YEARS...

The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$5,324,600** in grants in **South Carolina**.



Blue Star Museums. Photo by Debra Huskin

In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in South Carolina added **2.6%** or **\$5.8 billion** to the state's economy.
- South Carolina's arts and cultural industries employed **53,630** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over **\$3 billion**.
- **43%** of South Carolina's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **18.7%** attended art exhibits.



National Endowment for the Arts Programs from FY17-FY19

**Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **61 participating museums** in South Carolina.

**Poetry Out Loud** program provided opportunities for over **17,796 students** attending **86 high schools** in South Carolina to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation—great poetry.

The **NEA Big Read** program generated **18** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **240** adults and students in South Carolina.

**Shakespeare in American Communities** program in South Carolina enabled schools to offer children the opportunity to see free live professional performances of Shakespeare.

**Creative Forces** program is expanding access to creative arts therapies and arts engagement opportunities for injured service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers.

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**Projects Funded by the Arts Endowment either Directly or Through its State Arts Agency Partnership Funds Occurred in These and Other Locations**

**SC-01**

*Art Pot Hispanic Theatre  
Brockman Elementary  
Spoleto Festival USA  
Warehouse Theatre  
Winthrop University*

**SC-02**

*Aiken Community Playhouse  
Blackville Music and Art Festival  
Midlands Technical College  
Palmetto Center for the Arts  
Spring Valley High School*

**SC-03**

*Abbeville Opera House  
Belton Center for the Arts  
Calhoun Academy of the Arts  
Oconee Heritage Center  
Upstate Center for the Arts*

**SC-04**

*Chapman Cultural Center  
Fairfield Central High School  
Greenville Arts Festival  
Spartanburg Art Museum  
Wofford College*

**SC-05**

*Bethune Elementary School  
Fort Lawn Community Center  
Midlands STEM Institute  
Sumter Opera House  
Winthrop University Galleries*

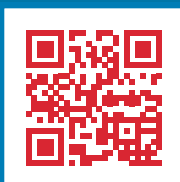
**SC-06**

*Columbia Museum of Art Eau  
Claire Story Museum Redux  
Contemporary Art Center  
SC School for the Deaf and the  
Blind*

**SC-07**

*Burroughs-Chapin Art Museum  
Coker College  
Florence Little Theatre  
Francis Marion University  
McBee High School*

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**South Carolina Arts  
Commission**

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